



## Minnesota Ag News – Sheep and Goats

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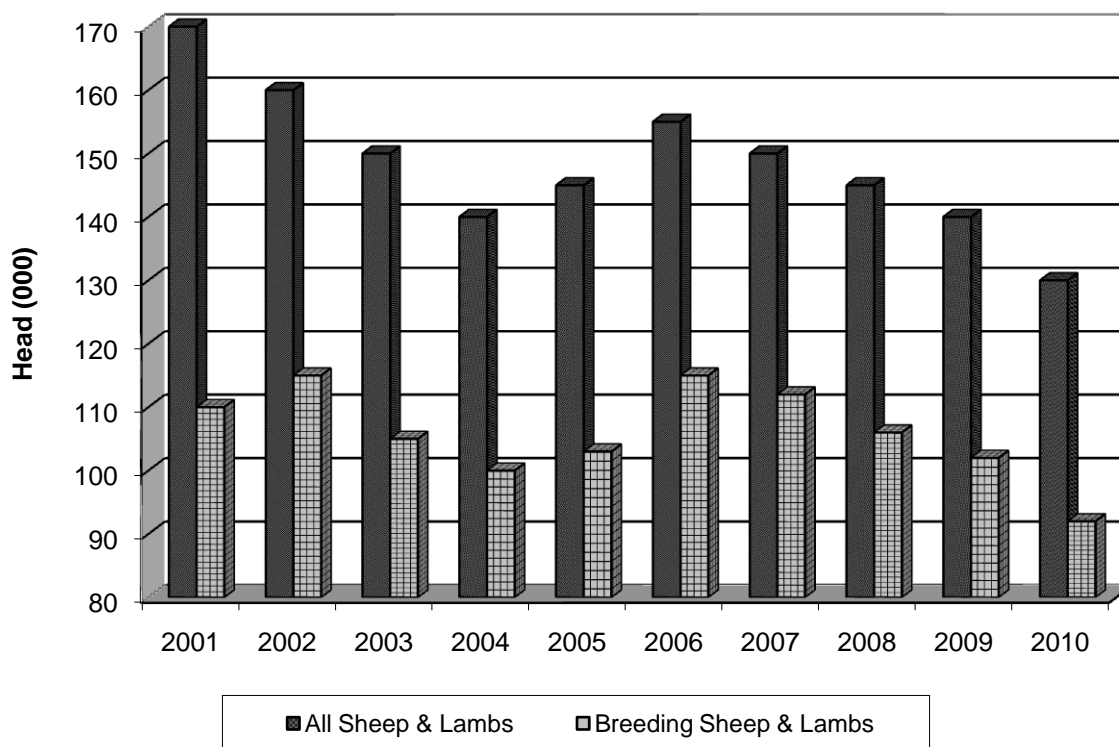
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### MINNESOTA'S SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 7 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2010 sheep and lamb inventory was down 7 percent from last year to 130,000 head, according to USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Breeding stock numbers were down 10 percent at 92,000. The remaining inventory of 38,000 market lambs and sheep was down 3 percent from last year. Of the 38,000 total lambs and sheep for slaughter market, 1,000 were mature sheep (1 year old and older) and the remaining 37,000 were lambs under 1 year. Market lambs by weight group were estimated as follows: under 65 pounds: 7,000; 65-84 pounds: 6,000; 85-105 pounds: 12,000; over 105 pounds: 12,000.

Minnesota's 2009 lamb crop totaled 130,000 head, down 10 percent from the previous year. The 2009 lambing rate was 157 per 100 ewes one year old and older on hand January 1, 2009, compared with 169 per 100 ewes in 2008.

### All Sheep & Lambs and Breeding Sheep & Lambs Minnesota 2001-2010



## MINNESOTA'S WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT FROM 2008

Minnesota's 2009 wool output decreased 11 percent with production totaling 830,000 pounds compared with 930,000 pounds in 2008. Minnesota is ranked 11th in 2009 U.S. wool production. The 130,000 sheep and lambs shorn in 2009 were down 7 percent from 2008. Fleece weight averaged 6.4 pounds, down 0.2 pounds from the previous year. Value of the state's 2009 wool production was \$241,000, down 28 percent from the previous year's value of \$335,000. Average price per pound for 2009 was 29 cents, down 7 cents from the 2008 price.

## MINNESOTA'S MEAT AND OTHER GOAT INVENTORY UP 10 PERCENT

Minnesota's January 1, 2010 meat and other goat inventory, at 22,000, was up 10 percent from the January 1, 2009 figure. The milk goat inventory, at 13,000, was up 13 percent from the 2009 figure, while angora goats, at 1,000, were unchanged from last year.

## U.S. TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMB INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

**All sheep and lamb inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 5.63 million head, down 2 percent from 2009.

**Breeding sheep inventory** decreased to 4.19 million head on January 1, 2010, down 1 percent from 4.25 million head on January 1, 2009. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.34 million head, were 2 percent below last year.

**Market sheep and lambs** on January 1, 2010, totaled 1.44 million head, down 4 percent from January 1, 2009. Market lambs comprised 94 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-five percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 12 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 19 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, and 38 percent were over 105 pounds. Market sheep comprised the remaining 6 percent of total marketings.

**The 2009 lamb crop** of 3.69 million head, was down 1 percent from 2008. The 2009 lambing rate was 108 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2009, up 3 percent from 2008.

**Shorn wool production** in the United States during 2009 was 30.9 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2008. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 4.20 million head, down 5 percent from 2008. The average price paid for wool sold in 2009 was \$0.79 per pound for a total value of 24.4 million dollars, down 25 percent from 32.5 million dollars in 2008.

## U.S. TOTAL GOAT INVENTORY DOWN 1 PERCENT

**All goat inventory** in the United States on January 1, 2010, totaled 3.04 million head, down 1 percent from 2009.

**Breeding goat inventory** totaled 2.53 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. Does one year old and older, at 1.87 million head, were 1 percent below last year's number. **Market goats and kids** totaled 518,000 head, down 2 percent from a year ago. **Kid crop** for 2009 totaled 1.94 million head for all goats, down 1 percent from 2008. **Meat and all other goats** totaled 2.54 million head on January 1, 2010, down slightly from 2009. **Milk goat** inventory increased to 355,000 head, 6 percent above January 1, 2009, while **Angora goats** were down 19 percent, totaling 150,000 head.

**Mohair production** in the United States during 2009 was 1.01 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 160,500 head. Average weight per clip was 6.3 pounds. Mohair price was \$2.66 per pound with a value of 2.69 million dollars.

**Goats: Number by Class, United States, January 1, 2009-2010**

| Item   | Total       | Breeding    | Market      | Kid Crop <sup>1</sup> |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
|        | <i>Head</i> | <i>Head</i> | <i>Head</i> | <i>Head</i>           |
| 2009   |             |             |             |                       |
| Angora | 185,000     | 166,000     | 19,000      | 96,000                |
| Milk   | 335,000     | 302,000     | 33,000      | 240,000               |
| Meat   | 2,549,000   | 2,075,000   | 474,000     | 1,627,000             |
| All    | 3,069,000   | 2,543,000   | 526,000     | 1,963,000             |
| 2010   |             |             |             |                       |
| Angora | 150,000     | 132,000     | 18,000      | 80,000                |
| Milk   | 355,000     | 320,000     | 35,000      | 252,000               |
| Meat   | 2,538,000   | 2,073,000   | 465,000     | 1,612,000             |
| All    | 3,043,000   | 2,525,000   | 518,000     | 1,944,000             |

<sup>1</sup> Kid Crop for 2009 refers to kids born in 2008. Kid Crop for 2010 refers to kids born in 2009.